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9 June 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/ICS

FROM: [ ] DD/PAO

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SUBJECT: Private Sector Operation of Civil METSAT Program

1. This memo is in response to [ ] request for additional information on the civil METSAT issue.

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2. Status prior to 7 May is given at Attachments 1 and 2.

3. Since 7 May, the following additional actions have been taken:

a. Stockman decided that OMB would examine the issue. The approach to be followed would include:

(1) A preliminary internal OMB review to frame the issue.

(2) A request to agencies for specific studies and their views on the issue.

b. As part of the OMB preliminary review, Lee Quiram (OMB) contacted me to get the DCI's preliminary position on the issue. I passed this request on to D/ICS and he asked me to respond as best I could.

c. I contacted PTO/COMIREX, and [ ] (SAFSS). We first met to discuss the problem [ ] represented PTO/COMIREX) and agreed to have Try draft a Talking Paper that we could discuss with Quiram. We discussed [ ] Talking Paper with Quiram on 28 May (see Attachment 3). We stressed that this paper had not been coordinated but that it did contain an outline of some of our key concerns.

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Attachments: (3)

1. Memo to D/ICS from DD/PAO dated 4 May 1981
2. Memo to D/ICS from DD/PAO dated 7 May 1981
3. SAFSS Talking Paper dated 28 May 1981

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Near-Term Schedule (as of 8 June 1981)

OOB Tuesday, 9 June (unless this group has major problems)

Draft to Agency Reps for Coordination

COB Wednesday, 10 June

Agency Rep comments received

COB Thursday, 11 June

Final Copy to D/ICS

COB Friday, 12 June

Deliver to DDCI

NOTE:  advises that if paper is not delivered on 6/12, we might as well wait an additional week because Inman will not be able to get to it until the following weekend.

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Discussion Points for Each PD

1. Is the attachment accurate, complete and generally suitable for review by the DDCI?
2. Do we ~~perceive important~~ deficiencies in the DCI/NFIP program? What would  perception be? Should these deficiencies (if any) be highlighted to the DDCI?
3. Are there issues on how the attachment should be modified to be suitable for submission to ?
4. Do you have specific comments on how to improve the summary memo?

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Background for 5 June Briefing on PRIME

We started an intensive reexamination of our program/budget process in January. One major conclusion was that there was a need for greater Community involvement in the process.

The approach that [ ] will describe to you shortly responds to that need. It is based on a process that has been used within DoD but we have modified it considerably to respond better to Community needs and correct some of the problems previously encountered. We have tested it internally and we felt that it was ready for application on a limited basis to this summer's program review, if the Community was prepared to support it.

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In the past few weeks, we have been informally briefing selected people in the Community. In all cases but one, we have gotten endorsement of our objectives, a healthy concern about the problems associated with implementation, and a willingness to work with us to try to make it happen.

As you all probably know by now, General Tighe has taken a strong position in opposition to this particular proposal. For this reason, we have decided to set aside this particular proposal for application to this summer's program review.

However, the White House, Mr. Casey, and Admiral Inman have strongly expressed the need for considering the NFIP in output-oriented terms such as objectives, targets, and subjects, and responding to these needs will require the support of the Community -- mission experts such as yourselves. We are currently trying to come up with a suitable approach that retains an important role for groups like you. We hope to have something worked out by next week and we will be back to you on it as soon as we can.

In the meantime, I think it is important that you be fully informed about the approach that John will brief you on now. Your comments on this proposal will help us arrive at an acceptable approach for this summer's review.